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### NOTIFICATION

*New Delhi, the 23rd March 1947*

**No. 150/47-Public.**—Rear Admiral the Right Hon'ble the Viscount Mountbatten of Burma, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., D.S.O., Viceroy and Governor-General Designate, arrived at the Palam Airfield on Saturday the 22nd March 1947 and was received on arrival with all the honours due to his position. He was received at the Airfield by—

Representatives of His Excellency the Viceroy;  
The Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru;  
The Hon'ble Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan;  
His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief;  
The Political Adviser to His Excellency the Crown Representative;  
The High Commissioner for the United Kingdom;  
The Hon'ble the President of the Council of State;  
The Hon'ble the President of the Central Legislative Assembly;  
The Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Air Forces in India;  
The Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Navy;  
The Chief Commissioner, Delhi Province;  
The Commander, Delhi District;  
The Senior Superintendent of Police, Delhi; and  
The Air Force Station Commander.

A salute of thirty-one guns was fired as Admiral the Viscount Mountbatten's aircraft landed.

2. A combined Guard of Honour of the R.A.F., R.I.A.F. and 9/14 Punjab Regiment was drawn up at the airfield. After receiving a Royal Salute and inspecting the Guard of Honour Admiral the Viscount Mountbatten, accompanied by the Viscountess Mountbatten, motored to the Main gates of the Viceroy's House where he received a Royal Salute from the Governor-General's Bodyguard. At this point the Viceroy designate entered the State Carriage and was escorted to the Viceroy's House by the Governor-General's Bodyguard. A Guard of Honour of the Royal Scots Fusiliers was drawn up at the Viceroy's House. After receiving a Royal Salute and inspecting the Guard of Honour Admiral the Viscount Mountbatten was received by Their Excellencies the Viceroy and the Viscountess Wavell.

3. The swearing-in of Admiral the Viscount Mountbatten as Governor-General and Viceroy of India will take place in the Durbar Hall of the Viceroy's House at 10 A.M. on Monday, 24th March 1947.

For this ceremony there will assemble in the Durbar Hall of the Viceroy's House the Chief Justice of India, Members of the Governor-General's Executive Council, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in India, the Political Adviser to His Excellency the Crown Representative, the Presidents of the Council of State and Legislative Assembly, the Chief Commissioner of Delhi and the principal civil and military officers of the Government of India or such of these as may be present in Delhi. Invitations to attend have also been sent to the American and Chinese Chargés-d'Affaires, to such Ruling Princes and Chiefs as may be present in Delhi, to the High Commissioners for the United Kingdom and Australia, to the Consuls-General for Nepal, Iran, the Netherlands and Afghanistan and to such Members of the Council of State as may be present in Delhi.

4. Admiral the Viscount Mountbatten, attended by his personal staff, will, after the Officer Commanding the Guard of Honour has been presented, proceed to the Durbar Hall in the Viceroy's House.

His Majesty's Commission under the Royal Sign Manual will be read by the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department and the oath of allegiance, the oath for the due execution of the office of Governor-General of India and for the due and impartial administration of justice in the forms appended to the Instructions passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet to the Governor-General of India and the oath for the due execution of the office of His Majesty's Representative for the exercise of the functions of the Crown in its relations with Indian States will be administered by the Chief Justice of India. His Excellency Admiral the Right Honourable the Viscount Mountbatten will then take his seat in Council, the Viceregal flag will be unfurled, the Guard of Honour will give a Royal Salute and a salute of thirty-one guns will be fired. During the firing of the salute His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General will leave the Durbar Hall. Those attending the ceremony will then be presented to His Excellency the Viceroy and Her Excellency the Viscountess Mountbatten.

5. Uniform will be worn by officers of the defence services and police. Other gentlemen attending will wear morning dress or lounge suite or equivalent Indian dress.

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